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HOUSE BILL 1609

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO SELL AND CONVEY TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE A PORTION OF SURPLUS LANDS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR STATE HIGHWAY PURPOSES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FOR USE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MUNICIPAL COMPLEX FOR SAID CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, in a conveyance dated October 17, 1947, the State Highway Department acquired from the War Assets Administration certain properties now located in the City of Jacksonville, Arkansas, which have been used by the State Highway Department for equipment storage and repair; and

WHEREAS, these properties were initially acquired for United States Government use in connection with the Jacksonville Ordnance Plant during World War II, and were deeded to the State Highway Department at a nominal cost upon conclusion of the wartime emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has determined that said lands are no longer needed for State Highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, a portion of said lands is needed by the City of Jacksonville to develop a Municipal Complex, and it would be in the public interest that said properties, which were initially acquired for governmental purposes, continue to be used for governmental purposes benefitting the City of Jacksonville;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The State Highway and Transportation Commission is hereby

authorized and directed to convey to the City of Jacksonville, to be used for belonging to the State Highway Department within the City of Jacksonville, bordering on U.S. Highway 67-167 on the east, Main Street of the City of Jacksonville on the north, and Industrial Drive of the City of Jacksonville on the west, extending south from Main Street a distance of six hundred feet, upon payment therefor by the City of Jacksonville of an amount per acre equal to the average cost per acre for the acquisition of said lands by the State Highway Department from the War Assets Administration of the United States Government under the terms of an instrument dated October 27, 1947. The instrument conveying title to said lands to the City of Jacksonville shall provide that said lands shall be used for the development by the City of Jacksonville of a Municipal Complex and that if said lands cease to be used for such purpose by the City of Jacksonville, title thereto shall revert to the State Highway Department.

SECTION 2. The City of Jacksonville shall remove all structures from the property conveyed under this Act, and the city shall submit to the State Highway and Transportation Department for its approval, within ninety days after the adjournment of the Regular Session of the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly and before any improvements can be made on the property, a comprehensive development plan.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the State Highway Department has determined that certain lands belonging to the State Highway Department in the City of Jacksonville, which were acquired from the War Assets Administration, are no longer needed for State Highway purposes, and that a portion of said lands are needed by the City of Jacksonville for the development of a Municipal Complex benefitting the City of Jacksonville, and that the immediate passage of this Act is necessary to enable the State Highway Commission to sell said lands to the City of Jacksonville in accordance with terms provided herein thereby permitting the City of Jacksonville to proceed with the development of the said Municipal Complex without undue delay. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

/s/ Art Givens, et al